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WISDOM OF ODELL'S CENTRALI-ZATION LAWS DOUBTED.

Improvements in New York City in the Administration of Public Hospitals and Other Charities—The Reformatory for Women at Bedford Approved.

The thirtieth annual report of the State Charities Aid Association for 1902, which is made public this morning, devotes some space to a consideration of the legislation at Albany last winter affecting the Insanity law and the State Charities law. Reviewing the amendmen s to the Insanity law, the report says

"The welfare of the insane is now virtually in the hands of the Governor, and it is he who must be held not only ultimately but in a large measure directly responsible for this huge department of the State's

And after considering the amendments to the State Charities law, the report makes he further observation:

"It is not believed that this extreme centralization of power will be of benefit. It would seem that the Governor of the State should appoint as members of the State Board of Charities and the State Commission in Lunacy, men who could be trusted to attend to the affairs of their departments with intelligence and integrity To require that all questions of rtance be submitted to the Governor is to discourage able men from accepting positions in which little real responsibility or authority is allowed them."

In speaking of Kings county administration, the report says that the Commissioner of Charities has availed himself of the agricultural opportunity afforded by the agricultural opportunity afforded by the farm in Richmond county for the employment of able-bodied paupers from the Flatbush almshouse, "and this may be mentioned," it continues, "as one of the many dvantages which has accrued to the city as a result of the recent consolidation under a single commissioner of what were formerly three departments of public charities in the greater city."

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"The new organization of the Department of Public Charities has been in force only since Jan. 1, a period of nine months, and that of the Department of Bellevue and Allied Hospitals only since Feb. 1, a period of eight months. Both the board of trustees and the Commissioner of Charities have, during this short period, made marked advance over conditions which obtained when they took charge. Throughout both departments there is a higher standard of administration than has hitherto obtained, and the committee feels that the public is to be congratulated upon the good work done by its representatives in the Department of Public Charities and of Bellevue and Allied Hospitals during the past year."

The report points out that nearly all of the State charitable institutions might be made more efficient and economical if the State Board of Charities had the

he made more efficient and economical if the State Board of Charities had the power to transfer inmates from one such institution to another. Such power has been possessed by the State Commission in Lunacy for many years.

In speaking of the Western House of Refuge for Women at Albion, the report says that formerly the women ranged from 24 to 30 years of age, but during the last few years there has been a decrease in the average age, so that now the majority of the girls are between 15 and 18 years old when committed. Of the Reformatory for Women at Bedford, it says: "It is gratifying to see that this institution meets a real need, and has so soon proved the wisdom of its establishment."

The Höspital Book and Newspaper Society, which maintains the boxes for old per oficials at many points of the city, distributed during the year 8,942 books, 20,023 magazines and 54,001 papers, not including the nearly 250,000 papers and magazines collected from the street boxes. The report says:

The association had under the oversight of its various branches and committees on Oct, 1, 1902, 1,158 chillren who had been placed in families, or were with their mothers in situations. If these children were collected in one institution, the expenditure for site and buildings would certainly be at least \$500,000, and the annual expenditure for

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reached the house a man waiting in the doorway invited him inside. The stranger then took the bundle and stepped into the street, closing the door in the boy's face. Before the lad could get out the thief The same young man went to another

The same young man went to another store on Tuesday and worked the same game, giving his address as 609 Washington atreet. This time, according to the police, the man who got the bundle chloroformed the messenger boy. He tried the game again on Thursday, using the Washington street address. Just as the delivery boy was handing the package to the stranger at the door the janitor's son saw him and, remembering the other incident, called to the messenger. At this the stranger dropped the bundle and ran away.

The police say that O'Neill figured in all three cases

EX-CONVICT STARS A MAN. Wilcon Caught After & Chase Over Boofs

Heary N. Wilson, known as "Boston Charley." who was released from prison recently after serving a fifteen-year term for manslaughter, was held in \$1,000 bail in the Tombs police court yesterday, charged with feloniously assaulting John Ellis. The two got into a row in Ellis's apartments, at 46 Oak street, late Saturday night over a woman and Wilson stabbod Ells in the face with a pocketknife.

Patrolman Bannon of the Oak street station, who heard the noise, chased Wilson up the fire escape to the roof and across to the roof of the adjoining house. There Wilson climbed down the fire escape, followed by Bannon, who caught him on the landing at the second story.

#My's Free Lectures Attracting fromds. So great has been the interest in the free sources given by the Board of Education hat the regular halls and school: have proved inadequate, and to meet the demand Dr. Henry M. Lepziger, the supervisor. has accured the half of the Manhattan Congregational Church, at Broadway and Seventy-sixth street, for the third series of time lectures, beginning to-night. Five of these will be devoted to South American seegraphy. The other four will be on Sunta

I man's President to Lecture to Japan. The Rev. Dr. Charles Cuthbert Hall. hary, is expected to arrive in Japan early this month. He will deliver a course of inctures before the etudents of the Dorbiche Theological Seminary to Tokio, and will visit other educational centres in the Japanese Empire.

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tions in a large proportion of these bills. Police Say O'Neill Is Mixed Up in Three
Thefts From Clothiers.

Walter O'Neill, 19 years old, o' 581 Washington street, was arraigned in the Jefferson Market Police court yesterday and held for examination on a charge of robbing clothing, dealers.

A young man went to Gibson N. Vincent's clothing store, at 171 Sixth avenue, and ordered a suit of clothing sent C. O. D. to 162 Leroy street. When the messenger reached the house a man waiting in the dearest invited him inside. The strenger There is reason to believe also that some

A bill for \$2,200 for repainting the District Attorney's offices was recently sent in.
The result of an investigation made by
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was to cut \$235 off the bill. It has been the inspectors of the aiditor's bureau was to cut \$235 off the bill. It has been reported also that an unexpended balance of \$34,000, which the Fire Department of Brooklyn had at the end of the last year and which should have been turned into the general fund, has been spent on improvements and additions to fire houses without public bids. Comptroller Grout has directed his chief auditor to investigate the charges. Mr. Grout said he had not yet received the bills for the work done in Brooklyn, but that if work for which bids ought to have been asked for had been done by private contract, he would refuse to pay the bills.

COINER CHANGES HIS STORY.

Hunter Explains That All He Wented Was a Night's Ledging in the Station.

John Hunter of Plainfield, N. J., who told the Madison street police that he was a counterfeiter and wanted to be arrested, explained to Magistrate Flammer in the Essex Market police court that he wan't a coiner, but that he wanted a night's

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Hunter was treated with great consideration at the station on flaturday night. He was locked up and on his assertion that he

was locked up and on his assertion that he was hungry a dinner was sent in at the expense of the sleuths. It was intended that the United States authorities should be notified yesterday and a raid made on the place where Hunter said his plant was located.

When Hunter was arraigned he said: "Judge, that story about the counterfeiting was all a fake. I came here looking for a job and expected to get it, but it fell through. I found myself without money and I could not get home. I wanted a place to alsep, but I would never diagrace my family by giving myself up as a vagrant so I just invented that story to get a night's resi."

well, what charge would you like me to take against you, counterfeiting or vagrancy? asked Magistrate Flammer.

"Counterfeiting every time, in preference to the other," said Hunter.

"Well, I will remand you to the station house until to-morrow," asid the Magistrate, "and then let you go so you can get that job."

On the way back to the station house thinder did not appear to be so popular with the plainclothes men.

The annual dinner of the Speakers' Club of the General Committee of Tammany Hall, Thirty-first Assembly district, will be haid at the new Harison Casino this evening. Among the guests will be Charles F. Marphy, the Tammany lender, and Lewis Nixon, one of his predecessors.

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Ss. Citta di Milano, Genoa, Feb. 21.

Ss. Victoria, Genoa, Jan. 13.

Ss. Picqua, Venice, Jan. 20.

Ss. Prina der Nederlandeh, Surinum, Feb. 4.

Ss. Monterey, Vera Cruz, Feb. 21.

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Ss. Herman Winter, Hoston, Feb. 28.

Ss. Albenga, Norfolk, Feb. 27.

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Regular and Supplementary mails close at Por-cign Station half hour later than closing time shown below (except that Supplementary Mails for Europe and Central America, via Colon, close one hour later at Foreign Station.)

TRANSATLANTIC MAILS.

TUESDAY.—At 8.20 A. M. for ITALY direct, per steamship Citta di Milano (mail must be directed "per steamship Citta di Milano").

WEDNESDAY.—At 8.20 A. M. for EUROPE, per steamship Celtie, via Queensiown (mail for France, Switzeriand, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Turkey, Egypi, Greece, British India and Lorenzo Marquez must be directed "per steamship Celtie"); at 7.20 A. M. for NETHERLANDS direct, per steamship Rotterdam (mail must be directed "per steamship Hecla").

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THURSDAY.—At 7.4. M. for FRANCE, SWITZER, LAND, ITALY, SPAIN, PORTUGAL, TURKEY, EGYPT, GREECE, BRITISH INDIA and LORENZO MARQUEZ, per steamship La Savole, via Havre (mail for other parts of Europe must be directed "per steamship La Savole").

SATURDAY.—At 7.20 A. M. for EUROPE, per steamship Campania, via Queenstown; at A. M. for EELGUM direct, per steamship Zeeland (mail must be directed "per steamship Zeeland (mail must be directed "per steamship Zeeland").

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THURSDAY.—At 8 A. M. for CUBA, YUCATAN, CAMPECHE, TABASCO and CHIAPAS, per steamship Monterey (mail for other parts of Mealeo must be directed "per steamship Monterey"); at 9 A. M. for BRAZIL, per steamship Byron, via Pernambuco, Bahla and Rio Janeiro (mail for Northern Brazil, Argentine, Uruguay and Paraguay must be directed "per steamship Byron" in NAGUA and PORT AU PRINCE, per steamship Finadria (mail for other parts of Haili must be directed "per steamship Prins der Nederlanden"); at 12 M. (supplementary 10:50 A. M.) for LARGADO, per steamship Prins der Nederlanden (mail for cape Haiti, Port de Palx, Gonalves, St. Marc, Jermeil, Curaco, Venezuela, Trinidad, British and Dutch Guiana must be directed "per steamship Prins der Nederlanden"); at 12 M. (supplementary 12:30 P. M.) for RAHAMAS, GUANTANAMO and SANTIAGO, per steamship Niagara, via Tampico (mail must be directed "per steamship Altai"; at 9:30 A. M. (supplementary 10:30 A. M. (supplementary

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